TAFT TALK

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The John Taft house in the village of Hecla, Uxbridge, MA (photo by Roy Lee Henry, Jr.)

R. and J. Taft Store in Uxbridge, MA

Roy Lee Henry Jr. has sent us quite a number of documents and photos including one of the old farm house that belonged to John Taft. Mr. Henry moved from Henry St. to Hecla Village with his family, his new backyard bordering that of the old Taft farm house. He mentioned in his letter that apparently historically the house was known as the second distillery in Uxbridge where they made different kinds of wines and whiskeys. John and Lucretia (Newell) Taft had two sons, Robert and Jacob, before he died in Uxbridge 29 May 1826 (VR 1.406). John Taft (1792-1826) was the son of Jacob (Jacob, Israel, Robert, Robert) Taft.

Robert and Jacob became the owners of the R. and J. Taft grocery store at the corner of Mendon and Main Streets in Uxbridge.

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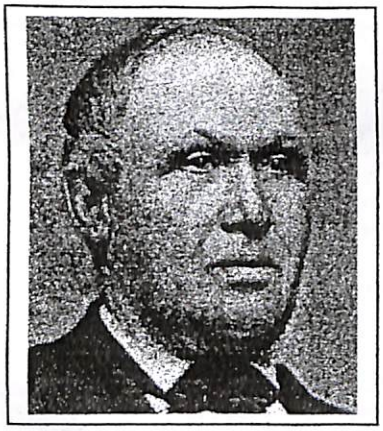
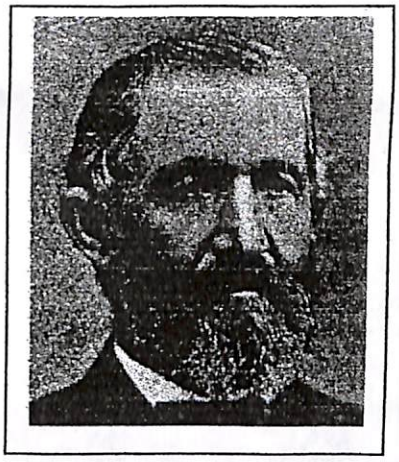
R. and J. Taft Store (cont)

Both boys were born in Uxbridge, Robert on 27 May 1819 (VR 1.160) and Jacob on 19 May 1823 (VR 1.159). They were educated in the old district schools and worked on their father's farm in the summer. Robert also worked as a clerk in a grocery store as a youth.



Robert Taft (1819-1891)
(Old home Week Book)

Robert Taft died 5 Mar 1891 in Uxbridge (VRMA 420.631). On 16 Jun 1841 he married Mary Balcomb at Douglas (VR 1.149). Besides his grocery store and mill businesses, he was a trustee of the Uxbridge Savings Bank.
Jacob Taft died on 12 Apr 1893 (VRMA Uxbridge 438.729). On 10 Jan 1849 he married Mary A. Wheelock at the Evangelical Congregational Church in Uxbridge (VRMA 38.392). In addition to grocery stores and mills, he served on the board of selectmen and as the district representative to the General Court. He was a director and vice-president of the Blackstone National Bank.



Jacob Taft (1823-1893)
(Old Home Week Book)

Built by the Caprons around 1825 the two-story brick building was first owned by A. Dudley who was briefly succeeded by his sons, P. Whitin and William. The Taft brothers, Robert and Jacob, then became the proprietors. In the 1840s the first floor of the Taft Block housed the grocery store and the Blackstone Bank; offices and a dance hall were upstairs.. When the Civil War broke out, they leased the mills in the center of Uxbridge, which were later owned by the Davis & Brown Woolen Co. A few years later they purchased the Uxbridge Woolen Co. and the Hecla Mill. Then they purchased the Central Woolen Mills, which they never operated but leased to Daniel W. Taft . When the Calumet Woolen Co was organized, it purchased both the Hecla and Calumet properties.

photo: Tribune

"Uxbridge residents could purchase a loaf of Tip Top bread for about a dime and a pound of Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea for 27 cents. In addition to groceries, flour and grain, the Taft Brothers Store carried medicine, stationery and dry goods like boots, shoes and gloves. There was also a post office in the store." (Mary Barlow)

"The store was large with an atrractive counter running around three sides, with the upright boards slanting in at the bottom so that a customer could stand close up to the counter and have room enough for his feet" said William A. Mowry (The Uxbridge Compendium 1912 as quoted by Tribune Staff writer Mary Barlow).

Sources: Roy Lee Henry; Jr; Uxbridge Old Home Week Book 1908; Tribune Staff Writer: Mary Barlow; Uxbridge Compendium 1912

Congratulations Several times over

David N. Taft, D.M.D. wrote to tell us of the recent exciting events in his family's life. He has officially retired from the Navy Reserve with the rank of Captain. He and his wife live in Harpswell, ME and he continues his general dental practice in Brunswick.

On 28 May 2002 their daughter Katherine Courser Taft married Eric Leinwand in ME. Their son Joshua Taft Leinwand was born 10 Nov 2004 in Greenwich, CT.

Their son LT David Nathaniel Taft, the Navigator on the Navy guided missile cruiser Lake Champlain stationed in San Diego, will marry LT Courtney Parker, the Training officer on the destroyer Milius, on 25 Jun 2005.

David N. is the son of Nathaniel Copp (David Nathaniel, Nathaniel Elkanah, Allen, Elkanah, Nathaniel, Thomas, Thomas, Robert) Taft.

In Memoriam....

Howard J. Grover (1916-2004)

The Recorder, Greenfield, MA 3 Dec 2004
Howard J. Grover, 88, formerly of Bernardston, MA died at Town & Country Hospital in Tampa, FL. He was born in Bernardston 25 Oct 1916 the son of Joseph and Mabel (Taft) Grover. He was a 1934 graduate of the Powers Institute in Bernardston.

He continued the family farm, River Maple Farm. In 1942 he married the former Evelyn Deane who died in 1983. He then married Harriet Eddy in 1988 and they resided in FL. He was an Assessor for Bernardston for 32 years and also served on the Finance Comm. He wa a member of the Rationing Comm. during the war. He was a past master of the Bernardston Grange and also a member of the Pomona Grange. He drove a school bus for Bernardston schools for many years and always bought the children on his bus ice cream on the last day of school. He was past Sec. of the Mass. Farm Bureau; past Chair of the Franklin Co. Assessors Asssn, past Chair of the Agricultural Soil Conservation Service, past Pres. of the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. And past Pres. of the Harvest Club.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter Patricia Shearer (Thomas) of Northfield, MA; two sons: Philip 'Butch" and his wife Donna, and Paul and his wife Carol of Bernardston; stepchildren George Bolton, Howard, Paul, David, and Michael Adao, and Carolyn Adao Ebersolf; a brother Clifford of Bernardston and three sisters Margaret Colburn of N. Weare, NH, Hazel Thurber of Holdiay, FL and Leila Ellis of Greenfield, MA; 9 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter Prudence Barnes.

Howard J.Grover's mother Mabel Taft was the daughter of John N (Isaac Burnett, Caleb, Josiah, Reuben, Joseph, Joseph, Robert) Taft.

Charles Sabin Taft & Pres. Lincoln

Charles Sabin Taft (1835-1900) was born in upstate New York and received his medical training at Carroll College in WI. During the Civil War he was an assistant surgeon in the medical department of the Union army. Dr. Taft practiced at several of the temporary hospitals in Washington treating wounded soldiers returning from the front. These included the Church hospital, the Colored Orphan Asylum hospital and the Judiciary Square hospital. At these facilities, aided by nurses, he had 80-100 patients and did everything from prescribing treatment to performing amputations.

Charles Sabin was the son of Horatio Nelson (Cheney, Gershom, Peter, Joseph, Robert) Taft.

Dr. Taft met Pres. and Mrs. Lincoln as they came to visit wounded soldiers. Dr. Taft and his wife were also two of the nearly 1,700 people at Ford's Theatre in WA on 14 Apr 1865 when John Wilkes Booth, a Confederate sympathizer, assassinated Pres. Lincoln.

(St. Paul's Church National Historic Site has a great deal of information on historic cemeteries and their stones including the information above on Charles Sabin Taft.)

More information on this event is found in the McGill Library, Lincoln Collection, in Montreal, CAN. This collection ,accumulated by Dr. Nathanson, contains over 3500 monographs and many other items on Lincoln. One unique item held by McGill is "Surgeon Charles Sabin Taft's Diary". It is a small notebook in which the surgeon, then 23 years old and in charge of the Signal Corps Camp of Insurrection at Red Hill, Georgetown, recorded his account of Lincoln's wounding at the Ford Theatre.

One article written by Christinne Muschi of the National Post gives some details of the contents of the diary.: "As the life drained from Abraham Lincoln on the morning of April 15, 1865, Dr. Charles Sabin Taft held his hand to the president's chest, powerless to help. Lincoln's breathing

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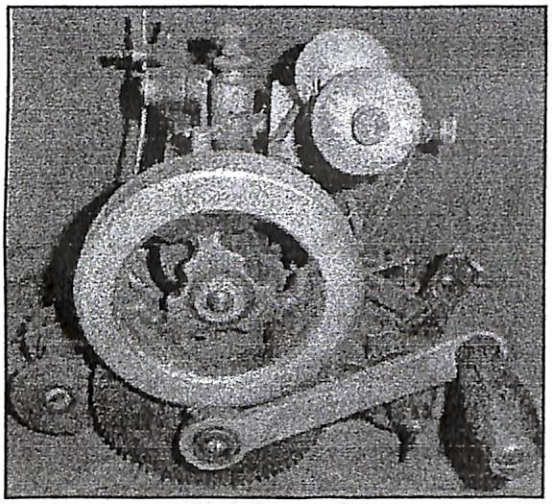
J. C. Taft Sack Sewing Machine Cuddy Gardner Feed Morton

As often happens our own sharp-eyed Neil Todd finds the most interesting tidbits. He recently saw this item advertised on eBay:



JC Taft Sack Sewing Machine Cuddy Gardner Feed Morton (eBay item #7311794556)

This seed sack sewing machine measures 9 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 5 inches. It is marked: The Cuddy Gardner Co, Providence, RI and J.C. Taft.

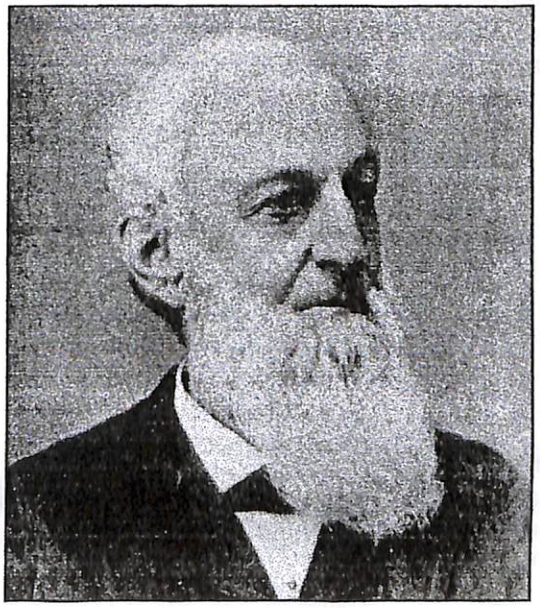
J. C. Taft was Jerome Carlton Taft. Jerome Carlton Taft was born about 1848 in CT the son of James Madison and Frances E. (--) Taft or possibly his first wife. He died 8 Feb 1906 aged 58 years in Providence, RI. Jerome C. Taft married Carrie L. (--) (born about 1849 in CT) about 1870 but after 21 Jun 1870 when the RI 1870 Census lists him in his parents' home in North Providence. According to the Rhode Island Census Records for 1880 and 1900 Jerome C. and Carrie L. appear to have been the parents of an only daughter, Anna E. born 1871 in RI.

Census records for Rhode Island list James M. as a thread manufacturer and Jerome C. as a manufacturer of sewing machines. The Providence, RI City Directories from 1883-1899 list Jerome C. Taft, machinist, at 40 Friendship St, his home listed as 10 West Clifford St. Evidently he made this sewing machine for the Cuddy Gardner Co. sometime between 1870 and 1906.

Jerome Carlton was the brother of Dr. Ellis Chandler (1831-1896), Joseph White (1833-) and Walter Taft. Their father. James Madison. was the son of Leonard (Joseph, Joseph, Thomas, Robert) Taft.

Dr. Ellis Chandler Taft, brother of Jerome Carlton Taft, was born in Uxbridge 28 Dec 1831 (VR 1.152) and died in Uxbridge 25 May 1896. On 9 Oct 1855 he married Abba E. Wheelock in Uxbridge (VRMA 89.248), the marriage performed by Rev. Samuel Clarke.

For most of his life Ellis Chandler was a resident of his native town. He was educated in Uxbridge district schools and later studied dentistry in Willimantic, CT. He was the first to open a drug store in Uxbridge which he ran together with his dental parlors. In addition he was for a time in the boot and shoe business in Fall River and in Boston, from which he reitred in 1882. He then returned to Uxbridge and bought the Judson place. Dr. Ellis Chandler Taft was a Director of the Blackstone National Bank and a member of Uxbridge Lodge , I.O.O.F., and Joseph Warren Lodge, A.F.&A.M. in Boston.



Dr. Ellis Chandler Taft (1831-1896)
(Uxbridge Old Home Week)

Sources: eBay, Ancestry.com (Census, Providence, RI City Directories); Roy Lee Henry Jr.; Old Home Week 1908

In Memoriam...

Edwin H. Morse (1915-2004)

Janet W. Morse sent our treasurer a letter informing us that her husband, Edwin H. Morse died on 28 Oct 2004. He had been a member of our association for a number of years and hoped to complete a book about the Taft ancestry of his first wife, Charlotte Hendrex, unfortunately his health did not allow him to finish his work.

Edwin Morse, 88, died 28 Oct 2004 at Carmel Valley Manor, Carmel, CA.

Ed was born 17 Nov 1915 in New York City and grew up in Bronxville, NY. He graduated from Deerfield Academy and Amherst College in MA, and was the first Amherst student to spend his junior year abroad in Paris at the Sorbonne. After graduation his professional life was as a certified public accountant. He worked for Price Waterhouse in NY and during WWII was a First Lieutenant in the Army working on renegotiating war contracts. After the war he worked for the Government Accounting Office in Washington, Price Waterhouse in San Francisco, Matson Navigation Co. and was co-founder of his own firm. Hemming Morse & Co that started in San Mateo and eventually had offices in San Francisco and san Jose. He lived in Palo Alto and Menlo Park from 1948 until 1987 when he moved to Lake Tahoe. In 1991 he moved to Carmel.

Ed had many interests. He especially enjoyed model railroading and working on genealogy. He traveled extensively in this country and abroad; maintaining friendships with people in many parts of the world.

Ed's first wife, Charlotte, whom he met when she was an army nurse, died in 1975. His son, Martin, died in 2004. He is survived by his wife Janet whom he married in 1979; his daughter Margaret Pozzi (Wayne) and grandchildren: Christopher, Matthew and Charlotte Pozzi of Alpahretta, GA; stepchildren: Charles Rodgers (Isabel), Ann Rodgers and step-grandchildren: Julie and Karl Rodgers, and Eli and Samuel Rodgers-Melnick.

We currently are uncertain what line Charlotte is descended from. Can anyone help?

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'gradually increased in frequency and decreased in strength up to the last breath, which was drawn at 21 minutes and 53 seconds after 7', the 23-year-old army surgeon noted in a diary written a few hours later. "My hand was upon the President's heart and my eye upon the watch of the Surgeon General.'

"The diary's yellowing, handwritten pages provide a matter-of-fact yet spine-tingling account of a U.S. icon's final hours... 'Notes of the circumstances attending the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, on the evening of April 14, 1865, as witnessed by me,' the diary begins. It goes on to describe how Dr. Taft and his wife had gone to see a performance at the Ford Theatre and noticed Lincoln and his party take their seats in the presidential box... At about 10:30 p.m., my attention was directed toward the President's box by the report of a pistol, and I saw a man leap from the state box, shouting as he did so 'Sic semper tyrannis', a Latin phrase meaning, 'Thus always to tyrants." 'Dr. Taft saw the man, who would later be identified as actor John Wilkes Booth, brandish a knife and flee. When there was a call for a surgeon, Dr. Taft ran to the stage and was hoisted into the president's box.

"He advised the president be moved to a nearby house, where he was placed on a bed. His journal details the primitive medical treatment administered 'I called for brandy,' he wrote. Lincoln swallowed a diluted teaspoonful 'with much difficulty' but the next one 'caused so much strangulation' that he gave up on that idea. As other doctors arrived, Dr. Taft remained by Lincoln's side through the night, holding the presidents' head to keep the wound from touching the pillow. It was felt it was best for the patient if the flow of blood were not staunched.

"At one point another physician inserted a probe through the wound into Lincoln's skull but the bullet could not be located. 'All the surgical aid that could be rendered consisted in keeping the external orifice of the wound free from coagulation and promoting discharge of blood and brain tissue," Dr. Taft wrote...Following Lincoln's death, the body was moved to the White House where Dr. Taft took part in the autopsy.

This document is readily accessible for viewing at http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/lincoln at the "virtual exhibit" part of the Web site.

In memoriam....

Lawrence C. Taft (1942-2001)

Clarion Publications, Geneseo, NY 30 Aug 2001

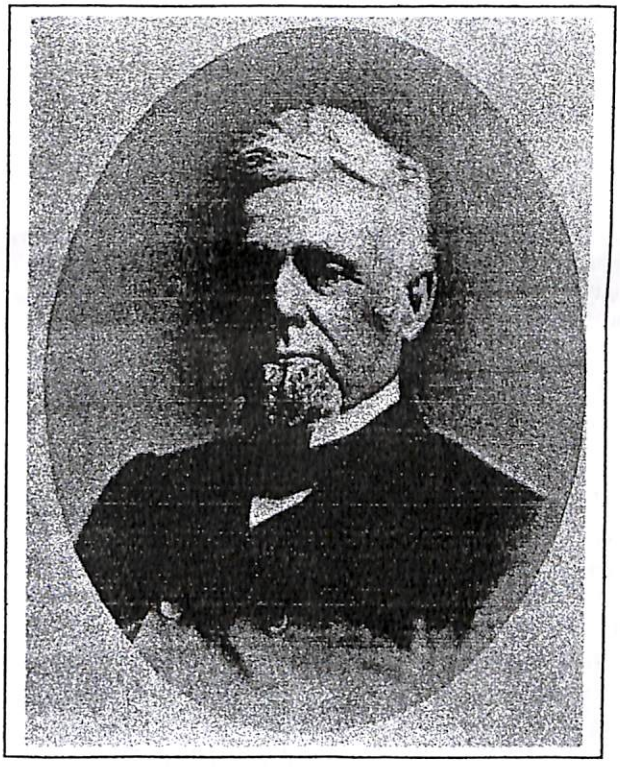
Lawrence C. Taft "Butch", 59, forklift operator for Comstock Foods in LeRoy, NY where he worked prior to his illness died 23 Aug 2001, at his residence on York Rd. West in York. He was born 27 Apr 1942 in Warsaw, NY the son of Clinton and Helena (Lennox) Taft. He is survived by his wife Ruth Ann; son Steven Taft; daughter Tawny (Todd) Kelledy; grandchildren: Heather, Steven, and Kelley Taft, Hunter and Garrett Kelledy; brother David Taft; many additional relatives and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father Clinton Taft and his mother Helena Lennox as well as his sister Marge Burrows. Butch was a member of the Mumford Baptist Church and the York Fire Dept. He was also a member of the York-Leicester Field Day Assn. Services were held on 26 Aug and burial was at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in York.

Clinton H. Taft was born about 1914 the son of David D (b c 1887 NY/NY/NY) and Florence M Taft at Geneseo, NY. Currently we are uncertain what his ancestry is.

Mill Renovation in Uxbridge and the Taft Family

An article in the "Telegram & Gazette" 20 Oct 2004 announced that a Boston developer is working with the town of Uxbridge on a probable renovation of the "Industrial Revolution-era and thoroughly dilapidated Stanley Woolen Mill" on Route 16 beside the Blackstone River. The ultimate goal is to create an exciting and vibrant multimillion dollar shopping and dining destination in central Massachusetts, focusing on the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor with visitor-oriented retail businesses.

The town will be forgiving back taxes, and the developer, Boston-based Deane Redevelopment LLC, will buy the structure and maximize the marketability of the large group of buildings. The article stressed this is only the beginning of a long process to reclaim the structure. The developer has been working with town, state legislators and others for seven years to reach this point in their public-private partnership.



Moses Taft (Uxbridge Old Home Week)

The article cites the history of the Stanley Woolen Mill and gives an interesting description of the type of activity within the mill and its context in the millitary history of our country.

"In 1852 Moses Taft (1812-1896) built the mill and leased it to Israel Southwick and Richard Sayles. During the Civil War 24-hour production of indigo blue uniform cloth was ongoing before the mill was sold to Robert and Jacob Taft in 1865 (see our article on page s1-2). Soon after, they built a dam at Rice City Pond that considerably increased waterpower. In 1866 an 80-horsepower steam engine was installed and production continued to rise dramatically as the mill began producing fancy cassimere – woolen cloth used for men's suits – and the name changed to the Calumet Woolen Company. Arthur and Stanley Wheelock bought the mill after 1905 and during World War I half-million yards of khaki was produced for the US government, as well as cloth for the French and Italian governments. This was the longest running family-owned woolen mill in the United States until it closed in 1988, according to the Uxbridge Historical Society."
(Telegram & Gazette 10/20/2004 by Linda Bock)

While researching..... Tafts in RI Street Directories 1883-1885

While looking for J. C. Taft in Providence, RI Directories for 1883-1885 we found the following listings which show how diverse the occupations of the Taft family were. In order to determine the ancestry of some of the people we used Census Records from 1850-1880, vital records for Rhode Island and our current data files.

Name	Address (Bus, Home)	Business Information	Father/Spouse	Br	Yrs
Henry S. Tafft	13 Exchange St., h at Whitinsville; 85: 5 Equitable bldg rm 2, bds 19 Angell	Granite manufacture	1834-1909 S/o Smith Taft	B	3,4,5
Abby Taft, Mrs.	Bds 11 Aborn		80: ? mother of Mary E. Dalyrimple (b 1842)		3,4,5
Alanson W. Taft	H 29 Messer St.	Jeweler; 80: warehouse mfg	1833-1917 MA s/o Alanson (c1799) & Polly (Kingsbury)		3,4,5
Alva D. Taft	H 24 Plainfield, Olneyville	Clerk	? 50: 1838 VT s/o Elizabeth; or Alva Tifft, or Alva Tufft		4
Andrew J. Taft	H 7 Lincoln St	Trav. Agent; 80: agent of public house	1838 MA/MA/MA; wf=Grace A. (b844 MA); ? Grace rel/o Orray & Deborah (RI Deaths)	R?	3,4,5
Arnold A. Taft	H 36 Garden St; 85: 304 Broad	Carpenter	1843-1912 s/o Arnold Austin (1820)	T	3,4,5
Asahel D. Taft	Bds: 70 Richmond; 85: 49 Weybosset, h 70 Richmond		1824-1896 s/o Asahel (1792)	J	3,4,5
Charles Taft	Westminster, cor. Dorrance, h: 51 Linwood Ave; 84: 41 Dorrance, h 73 Linwood	Pianoforte mover; 80: teamster	1836-1900 MA s/o Albert Erastus (1810); Wf=Susan S.	R	3,4,5
Charles A. Taft	H 24 Bond	Fireman, NY,P&B RR	B 1841 RI s/o Esek Mowry (1814)	B	4,5
Charles G. Taft	H 95 Dean	80: broker	1807-1889 s/o Grovenor (1773)	R	3,4,5
Charles H. Taft	H 31 1/2 Knight; 84: 53 Harrison	Conductor, P & W RR	1849-1911; 80: 1852 CT, wf=Ella E; mother? = Maria		3,4,5
Cyrus Taft, son	Died 29 May 1883	80: cotton merchant	1810-1883 s/o Hazeltine (1769)	R	3
Cyrus Taft, Jr.	60 So. Main, bds 117 Waterman; 84: bd 33 Lloyd	Bookkeeper, RI Hospital Trust Co	1857-1932 s/o Cyrus (1810)	R	3,4,5
Edward A. Taft	H: 256 Public	80: real estate broker	1817-1895 s/o Grovenor (1773)	R	3,4,5
Edward A. Taft Jr.	83: Removed to Willimantic, CT; 84: 61 Peck, room 7, h 34 Benevolent	Salesman: E? Brown & Co; 80: journeyman jeweler	1857-1887 s/o Edward Adolphus (1817)	R	3,4,5
Edward P. Taft	14 So. Water, h at Pawtuxet	Orray Taft & Co	1834-1899 s/o Orray (1793)	R	3,4,5
Ellen H. Taft	Bds 12 Franklin		B 1866 RI d/o James W (1831)	R	4
Elton D. Taft	125 Westminster, bds 17 Seekell; 84: removed to NYC	Clerk in shoe store	1861—1898; 80:MA/MA/MA s/o Mrs.Millard Taft (1830 MA)		3,4
Emma Taft, Miss	Bds 93 High		1839-1924 d/o Orray (1793)	R	4,5
Frank Taft, Mrs.	H 86 Courtland				3
Frank P. Taft	77 Diamond, bds 81 same	Liquors	B 1851 RI s/o Lawrence (b IRE)	no	3,4,5
Frank W. Taft	H 13 Delaine; 84: h 88 Delaine; 85: d 26 Oct 1884	Weaver; 80: wool sorter	1851-1884 s/o John Read (1826)	R	3,4,5
Frederick F. Taft	H 8 Portland	Gas fitter; 80: works in jewelry store	1847-1915 s/o Francis (1819); wf=Harriet J.	R	3,4,5
George H. Taft	34 1/2 Exchange Pl, h: 77 Courtland; 84: 307 High, h 5 Myrtle	Saloon; 80: liquor dealer	George Ames s/o Thomas J (1805) 80:1853 RI/RI/RI; wf= Elizabeth; s/c	D	3,4,5
George J. Taft, Mrs. (? Clara B.)	Bds 244 Cranston	80: drives grain train	80:1850 RI; wf= Clara B.; 60 RI: 1849 RI in Albert H & Jane W Knight house		4
Harriet A. Taft, Miss	H 222 South Main		1856-1813 d/o John Aborn (1819); later w/o Cyrus (1857)	J	3,4,5

RI DIRECTORIES 1883-1885 (Cont from p 7)

Name	Address (Business/Home)	Business Information	Father/Spouse	Br	Yrs
Harry M. Taft	Bds 256 Public	Com. Traveler	1859-1887 s/o Edward A (1817)	R	4,5
Henry S. Taft	Bds 32 Sycamore; 84: 48 Messer, b 18 Barton	Finisher; 84: clerk	1859 MA s/o John Read (1826)	R	3,4,5
Herbert W. Taft	Bds 32 Sycamore	80: farmer	B 1859 MA s/o John Read (1826)	R	3
Irene W Taft, wid	H: 32 Sycamore ; 84: 18 Barton		Wid/o John Read Taft (1826)	R	3,4,5
James E. Taft, Jr.	24 Exchange Pl, bds 113 No. Main	Clerk	? s/o James (b IRE)	no	3
James W. Taft	20 Exchange Pl, h: 12 Franklin ; 85: 272 Benevolent	Taft, Weeden & Co; 80: manuf. Of woolens	1830-1912 James Woodbury s/o Orsmus (1795); wf= Sarah M. Blake	R	3,4,5
Jerome C. Taft	40 Friendship, h 10 W. Clifford	Machinist; 80: manuf. of sewing machines	1847-1906 s/o James Madison (1809)	T	3,45
John B. Taft	16 Dike, bds 29 Messer	Bookkeeper	80: 1861 RI s/o Alanson (1817)	M	3,4,5
John L. Taft	122 Westminster, bds 81 Diamond	Salesman in clothing store	80: 1852 RI s/o Lawrence (b Ire)	no	3,4,5
Lawrence Taft	Diamond cor Superior, h 81 Diamond	Coal and wood	1817-1862 s/o James (b Ire)	no	3,45
Lewis W.	H 14 Constitution; 85: 284 High, h 524 Consitution	Rubber cutter; 80: works in cotton mill	80:1853 RI wf= Emma V Tourjie s/o Lewis (1824- 1861 s/o Charles & Elizabeth)		4,5
Maria L Taft, Ms.	Bds 29 Howell	Teacher			3,4,5
Mary E. Taft,Mrs.	1 Broadway	Boarding house	W/o Edward A (1817)	R	3,4,5
Nathan Taft	H 40 Oakland; 84: h 39 Oakland	Machinist	1814-1897 s/o Nathan (1773) wf-= Harriet	B	3,4,5
Newell N. Taft	H 441 North Main	80: soap manufacturer	80: 1838 MA s/o Varvilla (1788)	R	3,4,5
Orray Taft & Co	14 South Water	Cotton & cotton goods	E. P. Taft	R	3,4,5
Orray Taft, Mrs.	H 93 High		W/o Orray (1817)	R	3,4,5
Orray A. Taft, Jr. & Co	65 South Water, h Milton, MA	Starch and gums	1841-1889 s/o Orray Augustus (1817)	R	3,4,5
Orsmus A. Taft	330 Eddy , h 400 Pine; 85: h 22 Harvard av	80: bookkeeper	1841-1915 s/o Orsmus (1795) wf= Carrie I.	R	3,4,5
Owen Taft	Bds 15 Berlin	Laborer	Owpey b 1864 RI s/o Peter (b Ire)	no	5
Peter Taft	H 15 Berlin	Laborer	80: 1833 Ire	no	3,4,5
Peter Taft	Bds 15 Berlin	Painter	80: 1863 RI s/o Peter (b Ire)	no	4,5
Robert B.	P O B 7 Lincoln	Mail messenger	s/o Edward Henry (1830)	R	4,5
Rosina E Taft,wid	H 117 Waterman; 84: 33Lloyd		80: 1818 RI Wid/o Cyrus	R	3,4,5
Royal C.	20 Exchange Pl, h 79 Waterman	Taft, Weeden & Co, also pres. Merchants National Bank	1823-1912 s/o Orsmus (1795)	R	3,4,5
Thomas Taft	Bds 15 Berln	Operative	80: 1857 RI s/o Peter (b Ire)	no	4,5
Walter B. Taft	Pine cor Peck; 84: b 12 Franklin, at Weybosset Mill	Clerk	80: 1864 RI s/o James W (1831)	R	3,4,5
Walter E. Taft	Bds 27 Broad; 84: 227 Eddy, bds 162 High	Trav. Agent; 80: machinist	80: 1850 CT s/o James Madison (1809)	T	3,4
Walter R. Taft	95 Canal, h Manton; 84: h 108 Courtland	Salesman; 80: butcher	1851-1931 s/o Amariah (1807) wf= Eliza J.	J	3,4,5
Taft, Weeden Co	20 Exchange Pl	Woolen manufacturers	R. C. & J. W. Taft, W. B. Weeden	R	3,4,5
William H. Taft	H 29 Howell	machinist	1811-1895 s/o Henry (1780)	B	3,4,5

More on Auren Taft and his parents, Lovett and Lydia (Post) Taft

Jan Cook supplied this photo and information on the Lovett and ydia (Post) Taft family for our most recent newsletter. Since then we have received responses and queries.

Becky Taft sent the following information on the family of Lydia Post:

Lydia Post was b 3 Oct 1763 Hebron, CT and d 25 Mar 1813 perhaps at Sheffield, MA. Her parents were Gideon Post b 6 Oct 1735 Bolton, CT m 7 Apr 1762/3 Ann Terry. Ann Terry was born 15 Apr 1739 Lebanon, CT the daughter of Samuel Terry (b 1 /21 Jul 1709 Lebanon, CT d 18 Jan 1798 Lebanon, CT m 24 Feb 1731/2 at Lebanon, CT. Gideon Post was the son of Gideon b 10 Feb 1702/3 Saybrook, CT d 1 Jan 1751/2 Hebron, CT m 20 Jan 1730/1 at Bolton, CT to Mary Chase. Gideon and Ann (Terry) Taft resided at Hebron, CT and New Marlboro, MA.

Jennifer Warren wrote to say: she has quite a bit of information on Lydia Post which she would be willing to share with her; however her email address doesn't seem to be accurate any more. Jan can you get in touch with us so we can connect you?

Where is the Taft Rock?

We've been asked a number of times where the Taft Memorial Rock is in Mendon. It is at 40 Millville St. Check a map – we'll start you in Uxbridge on Rt 146. Take 146 East to Rte 16 (towards Mendon). Go past the Steakhouse (where we had our most recent reunion) and take the first right at the gas station onto Millville St. Go about 3/4 mile past Memorial Park on the right. About 100 feet past the "tomato soup" house (reddish color) with green shutters, you will find the stone, behind a gate on the left side of the road.

..... And our intrepid secretary / treasurer, Berneta

received a call from an Elmer Sheely of Oklahoma City, OK, an antique dealer, who purchased seven bowls and eight plates at n auction in New Braunfels, TX. In the bos were notes relating to Pres. Taft stating that Pres. Taft purchased a set, of which these were a part for his daughter's wedding. He contacted the Pres. Taft museum in Cincinnati and they referred him to us for information. Anyone have anything to add?

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